

We did get judicial branch before dinner.

Are there any of these we should have had?

THE CHAIRMAN: You should have three sections; the section distributed earlier, which contains the covering page and articles 1 and 2; the second group which contains articles 5, 6, 7 and 8; and the third group, which contains article 9.

You have yet to receive articles 3, 4, and 10.

DELEGATE KIEFER: But we do not have 1 and 2.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes, you had that earlier this afternoon. That has a cover sheet on it marked simply "Memo-Draft Constitution."

DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: We have four.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are further advanced than the Chair.

Chief Page, what second reader revisions are being distributed? Let me have a set of each, please.

Does any delegate not have a copy of Amendment R?

Amendment R was proposed to be offered by Delegate Wheatley. The Chair is advised that he is not available. Several other delegates have been requested or sent messages to present it on his behalf. They are unwilling to do so.

Does any other delegate desire to offer Amendment R?

Delegate Della?

Does everyone have a copy of Amendment R?

This will be Amendment 5. The Clerk will read the Amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation GP-13 by Delegate Della: On page 7, section 23, Continuance in Office—Judges of Limited Jurisdiction, in lines 31, 32 and 33 strike out the following: "Anne Arundel, Cecil, Montgomery, Prince George's and Wicomico Counties" and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "any county"; and in lines 49 and 50 strike out the following: "and each judge of the Housing Court of Baltimore County".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is submitted by Delegate Della. Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. President, unfortunately Delegate Wheatley had to go to a meeting with the hospital board, and requested that I try to introduce his amendment for him.

What the amendment does is give to the counties the right to set up courts which would meet the qualifications of the proposals that we have adopted. It would also require there that each judge of the housing court of Baltimore County through the act of the General Assembly would meet the qualifications set forth in the proposals we have before us.

That is the substance of the amendment, Mr. President. We in Baltimore City have that system and apparently our municipal court and our people's court are going to be adopted into the district court system. Delegate Wheatley was very much interested in Baltimore County apparently because the hospital that he is associated with is very close to Baltimore County, and I think that is the reason Amendment R was proposed. I would like to see the amendment through his desire be adopted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Delegate Della, would you yield for a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: I always yield to a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: I should perhaps ask Delegate Wheatley but in his absence would it be fair to characterize this amendment as an attempt to make provision for the General Assembly to establish the Pine Anderson Statton Court Reform Plan for Baltimore County?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: I do not always look upon evil in every proposal. I think you have got to look upon the merits of the thing and certainly I have no connection with Dale Anderson or Jim Pine, but I think you have extended that right to Cecil County, Anne Arundel, Montgomery,